

BRING BACK SANTA CRUZ: Human Rights Now !

Human rights at home means stopping anti-homeless hate crime, whether from vigilantes, the police, city hall, private businesses, or “service-providers”. The cynical and misguided attack on the homeless community by **Mayor Bryant** and her City Council has poisonously conflated homeless people with needles and crime—with her fascistic “enough is enough!” Sentinel editorial [2-16]

Real Services Not Political Fluff at Coral Street

Replace the lockers ripped out years ago for increased office space! Clarify and post policies that **protect disabled people there**. Restore the **right to rest during the day**. Fight the Sleeping Ban by **giving Waiting List documentation** to all who apply & publicly demanding reform. **Legal support for homeless people** not collusion with prosecutors.. Defend the right to be in public spaces.

Restore and Refund Needle Exchange !

Both more safe disposal sites and more accessible distribution sites. Reverse the Closed Council shutdown of the safe and beneficial neighborhood distribution/collection site! Expand and fund needle exchange! Stop the attacks on harm-reduction workers!

Common Sense Campgrounds Not Sweeps !

Support and defend survival camping for the 95% of the homeless without shelter locally. Fund immediate emergency sanctuary campgrounds with sanitary and trash facilities. End the mindless, cruel, and futile sweeps of homeless survival camps. Help document police and vigilante destruction of homeless property to end it through legal challenge. Make littering not sleeping illegal by sanctioned clean campsites and punishing dirty ones.

Constitutional Rights Not Curfews

Homeless people especially suffer from the “forbidden zones” at night—along the river, in the parks, in the Pogonip, that make mere presence there a punishable crime. Everyone faces criminal charges for being at the courthouse, the county building, the library, and/or at City Hall after dark in new anti-activist and anti-homeless measures decreed without public vote.

End Uniformed Thuggery Downtown

Police cars, security guards, and yellow-jacked “hosts” descend in force on street performers, activists, homeless people, food providers, and others who denying peaceful use of public spaces on Pacific Avenue. The City Attorney's office defies the *White v. City of Sparks* decision which supports artists rights to display and sell their artwork on the sidewalk.

Open & Democratic City Council Process

The Council uses the “beg if you want to speak” process for a majority of agenda items with “permission” required before a particular item can be individually addressed. Oral communication is isolated at a time uncertain. Favoritism is shown to right-wing groups.

If you don't support human rights at home, you are not supporting human rights at all !

HUFF: Homeless United for Friendship & Freedom meets 10 AM-noon Wednesdays 703 Pacific Ave.

Occupy Santa Cruz -- 5:30 PM Saturdays Post Office Steps

The Santa Cruz Sanctuary Camp Project—more info on the face book page

Food Not Bombs Santa Cruz--- serves 4 PM near the steps-- volunteer on the face book page.

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